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ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE TOWN OFFICERS
OF THE TOWN OF

GUILDHALL, VT.



FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31

1953

NOTE REGARDING COVER
SKETCH ON REVERSE

COVER SKETCH—According to Benton's "History of Guildhall", the Congregational Church Society was organized in 1799 and the first church built on Guildhall Hill in 1804. The first pastor was Rev. Cabel Burge. In 1828, the church was moved to the Middle School District (Pendrigh's Plain). The present church, pictured on the cover, was built in 1844. Rev. Thomas Hall was the first pastor to preach from its pulpit. The present pastor is Rev. Joseph A. Talley.

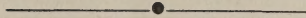
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Warning

*Annual Town and Town School District
Meeting, March 2, 1954*

The citizens of Guildhall, Vt., who are legal voters in the annual TOWN and TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING, are hereby notified and warned to meet at the "GUILD-HALL" in said town, on TUESDAY, the 2nd day of March, A. D. 1954 at ten o'clock in the forenoon to transact the following business:

1. To elect all Town Officers as provided by law.

TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING

- 1A. To elect one School Director for a term of 3 years.
- 1B. To see what sum of money the town will raise for the support of schools for the year ending June 31, 1955.
- 1C. To transact any other business that may legally come before said Town School District Meeting.

2. (GENERAL TAX ARTICLE)

To see what sums of money the town will raise to pay current expenses and appropriations:
VIZ. General Fund—Town Roads—Winter Roads—maintenance, State Aid Highways—State Highway System—Poor—Interest—Cemeteries—Public Library—Street Lights—Cutting Bushes—"Guild-Hall" repairs, etc.

3. Will the town vote to collect its 1954 taxes up to, and including October 15, 1954 by the town Treasurer, and allow a 4% discount on such paid taxes.

4. Will the town vote to charge a legal rate of interest on unpaid taxes after October 15, 1954.

5. Will the town authorize its Auditors to publish in the 1954 Town Report, a list of delinquent taxpayers, together with year and amount of such unpaid taxes.

6. Will the town authorize its Selectmen to incur debts for temporary loans in anticipation of taxes for the ensuing year.

7. Will the town vote to raise the sum of \$25.00 per mile, (RE: Highways) to take advantage of the Acts of 1953, No. 264, Sec. 2.

8. Will the town appropriate one per cent of its 1953 Grand List (\$34.65) for the support of the Northeastern Vermont Development Association.

9. Will the town authorize its Auditors to employ the services of an Accountant from the office of the Auditor of Accounts to conduct an audit of the town accounts.

10. Will the town vote to take further action, relative to acquiring by gift or purchase, land for a Municipal Forest.

11. To hear reports of committees, relative to accepting the gift of the Guildhall Aqueduct Co. and take necessary action.

12. Will the town vote to raise the sum of \$200.00 to be used in cooperation with State and Federal funds for the control of White Pine Blister Rust.

13. (By Ballot)

To see if the freeman will vote to accept or reject the proposed articles of amendment to the Constitution of Vermont.

Shall licenses for the sale of malt and vinous beverages be granted in this town?

Shall spiritous liquors be sold in this town?

Given under our hand, this 17th day of February, A. D. 1954.

JOHN BOSWELL,
HARRY S. DAVIS,
Selectmen of Guildhall, Vt.

Qualifications of 1954 Town Meeting Voters

SEC. 3499 Vermont Statutes (as so amended by No. 25 of the Act of 1949) is as follows:

A male or female citizen, twenty-one years of age, who has taken the freeman's oath and whose list, including poll, is taken in a town at the annual assessment preceding a town meeting, and whose poll and old age assistance taxes due such town, were paid prior to JANUARY 1 preceding such town meeting, or who has attained the age of twenty-one years subsequent to the last annual assessment and resided in the town since April 1 last preceding, or who is exempt from taxation for any cause, shall be a voter in town meeting while residing in such town. Such citizen, if a resident of an incorporated village within such town, shall not vote in town meeting for town road commissioner unless at least fifteen per cent of the last highway tax of such incorporated village has been paid to the town treasurer to be expended upon the highways of the town outside of such incorporated village. A person qualified to vote in town meeting under the provisions of this section shall be qualified to vote in all other municipal meetings.

Inventory of Town Property

1 old and 1 new fireproof safe
1 transfer case; 1 adding machine

Indian pumps, located as follows:

K. E. Hayes, 1 (No. 3)	Phone Guild. 8-4449
S. H. Ridgwell, 1 (No. 4)	Phone Guild. 8-4418
F. Chessman, 2 (No. 9, 10)	
Frank Stark, 1 (No. 11)	Phone Guild. 8-4423

Town Officers for 1953

Moderator	N. W. Beattie	Term expires Mch. 1954
Town Clerk	K. E. Hayes	Mch. 1954
Town Treasurer	K. E. Hayes	Mch. 1954
Selectmen	John Boswell Harry S. Davis	Mch. 1955 Mch. 1956
Road Commissioner	Chester McLain	Mch. 1954
Overseer of Poor	Howard H. Rowe	Mch. 1954
Listers	F. E. Styles Clayton Allen N. W. Beattie	Mch. 1954 Mch. 1955 Mch. 1956
Auditors	Vera Parker Marion Frizzell Gertrude Peaslee	Mch. 1954 Mch. 1955 Mch. 1956
First Constable	Howard H. Rowe	Mch. 1954
Second Constable	John Boswell	Mch. 1954
Tax Collector	Howard H. Rowe	Mch. 1954
Town Grand Juror	N. D. Hunter	Mch. 1954
Town Agent	F. E. Styles	Mch. 1954
Trustee, Public Money	K. E. Hayes	Mch. 1954
Cemetery Commissioners	N. W. Beattie R. E. Wentworth Robert Frizzell	Mch. 1954 Mch. 1955 Mch. 1956
School Directors	Agnes Deering Estella Hubbard Helen Boswell	Mch. 1954 Mch. 1955 Mch. 1956

Report of Budget Committee

	Appropriations	Expenses	Suggestions
	1953	1953	1954
General Fund	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,517.50	\$ 1,500.00
Town Roads	598.75	422.20	598.75
Maint. St. Aid Hgwy.	101.25	276.60	101.25
St. Hgwy. Sy. Tax	700.00	696.26	700.00
Bushes, culverts	300.00	299.36	400.00
Winter Roads	1,300.00	917.73	1,200.00
Poor	250.00	19.75	200.00
Cemeteries	300.00	180.25	300.00
Library Maint.	200.00	200.00	200.00
Interest	332.16	332.16	332.16
Street Lights	376.13	372.38	380.16
Guild-Hall Repairs	500.00	478.01	500.00
N-E. Vt. Dev. Assoc.	34.81	34.65	34.65
Schools	7,800.00	7,800.00	7,800.00
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	\$14,292.97	\$13,546.85	\$14,248.97

TAXES RAISED

Grand List (1 pct.)	\$3,465.90	Rate	\$4.40
Taxes Raised:			
Real and personal property			\$14,629.56
Polls, 141			620.40
Old age assistance taxes			423.00
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			\$15,672.96

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Accounted for as follows:

Collected by treasurer	\$13,868.72
Discounts allowed	576.92
Uncollected to H. Rowe, Coll.	804.32
O. A. A. taxes, collected by Treas.	312.00
O. A. A. taxes, uncoll., to H. Rowe	111.00
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	\$15,672.96

SCHOOL EXPENSES

	Last Year	Last Fall	This Spring
Administration	\$ 627.24	\$ 295.18	\$ 371.00
Music teacher	221.72	99.72	150.00
Teachers & subst.	4,248.54	2,061.84	2,858.16
High school	1,100.00	50.00	2,100.00
Books, supplies	252.32	269.62	60.00
Janitors, fuel	686.47	333.27	330.00
Repairs, upkeep, eg.	406.81	647.46	270.00
Ins., Health, etc.	107.82	10.68	105.00
Transp., board	2,020.00	865.49	1,025.00
C. O., improvements	54.55		
	<u>\$9,725.47</u>	<u>\$4,633.26</u>	<u>\$7,269.16</u>

SCHOOL BUDGET

	This Year	Next Year
Administration	\$ 666.18	\$ 675.00
Music teacher	249.72	250.00
Teachers, subst.	4,920.00	5,000.00
High school	2,150.00	3,025.00
Books, supplies	329.62	350.00
Janitors, fuel	663.27	750.00
Repairs, upkeep	767.46	350.00
Furniture & equip.	150.00	150.00
Ins., health, etc.	115.68	100.00
Transp., board	1,890.49	1,800.00
C. O., improvements
	<u>\$11,902.42</u>	<u>\$12,450.00</u>

Next Year:

July 1, 1954 est. bal.	\$1,138.61
Estimated State Aid	4,500.00
Long Fund int., 1955	113.16

Available for next year, estimated \$ 5,751.77

Bal. of budget needed by appropriation \$ 6,700.00
 Plus major repairs or improvements ?

Financial Statement

Town Treasurer — December 31, 1953

Assets

Cash on hand and in bank, Dec. 31, 1953	\$ 9,380.42
Four Series E \$500 bonds (1943), value	1,890.00
Due on old cemetery lots	49.50
Delinquent taxes, 1947 to 1953	1,925.30
Due from G. Parker, 1952 gravel	12.80
Due from G. Parker, 1953 gravel	20.80
Guild-Hall rental due town, R. Girls	3.00
1952 del. tax, w., int., pd. by R., Jan. '54	7.17
Dog taxes pd. by Rowe, Jan., 1954	3.50
Bal. in R. C. checking account	15.50
Due town from state, 1952-3 Winter Maint.	476.75
Due town from state, 1953 Town Hgways.	2,514.00
Due town from state, 1953 State A. Rd.	1,667.12
Total assets	\$17,965.86

Liabilities

Long School Fund note @ 3%	\$ 3,772.24
Crawford Library Fund note @ 3%	2,000.00
Crawford Cemetery Fund note @ 3%	1,000.00
Congregational Church Soc. note @ 3%	4,300.00
Total long-term liabilities, Dec., '53	\$11,072.24
School funds held by treas., Dec. '53	4,833.97
Total liabilities	\$15,906.21
NET WORTH, December 31, 1953	2,059.65
	\$17,965.86

Net Worth of Town Funds

	Dec. 31, '51	Dec. 31, '52	Dec. 31, '53
Notes payable	\$11,072.24	\$11,072.24	\$11,072.24
Due school fund	2,416.46	3,273.73	4,833.97
Total liabilities	\$13,488.70	\$14,345.97	\$15,906.21

Net worth		931.73	2,059.65
Total assets	13,246.55	15,277.70	17,965.86
Net indebtedness	\$ 242.15		

AUDITOR'S REPORT

Taxes @ \$4.40 rate	\$15,249.96
Discounts allowed	576.92

Tax available	\$14,673.04
Appropriations	14,293.10

Surplus tax	\$ 379.94
Warrants and int. coll. by Rowe	28.74
Increase in value of bonds	62.00
Cemetery lots sold for cash	45.00
1945 del. tax collected	12.80
Uncollected O. A. A. tax on books	42.30
Underspent appropriations, 1953	746.25

\$ 1,317.03

Overrun on State Aid Rd.	\$ 22.34	
Overrun on T. H. 266, Rds.	29.86	
Spent '52 bal. G-H repairs	37.08	
Taxes abated	56.00	
Tax refund, A. Breault	7.23	
To bal. old G-H rental accts.	6.00	
Less 1946 del. taxes	30.60	
		189.11

Increase in net worth, 1953	\$ 1,127.92
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Report of Town Treasurer

Year Ending December 31, 1953

CASH ON HAND and in bank,	
Jan. 1, 1953	\$ 6,788.80
RECEIPTS:	
Taxes by treasurer	\$13,868.72
O. A. A. taxes by treasurer	312.00
Del. taxes held by H. Rowe, Jan. 1, '53	262.23
Overpayment by H. Rowe, Jan., 1953	2.00
Dog taxes held by H. Rowe, Jan. 1, '53	18.00
Guild Hall rentals, 1952, pd. by C. R.	3.00
C. McLain, 1952 account, snow plow	25.00
Pd. by State, 1952, unsel. roads	2,511.63
Pd. by State, 1952, State Aid C.	2,060.18
Bal. in 1952 Road C. check acct.	7.78
Del. taxes from H. Rowe, Coll.	564.00
Warrants, interest, from H. Rowe	28.57
Taxes abated by board of abatement	56.00
Dog licenses, coll. by treas.	38.50
Dog license, Lester Christie, by treas.	1.75
Rentals hall, 1952, from C. R.	50.00
Rentals of hall, 1953, from C. R.	105.00
John Hodge, 2 cemetery lots	30.00
A. & F. Jewell, 1 cemetery lot	15.00
Porcupine bounties from state	4.50
Maidstone, use of road machine, 2 yrs.	20.00
Harry S. Davis, sand from state	18.00
For use by schools, to June 30	505.66
For use by schools, since July 1	4,139.56

Total available for treasurer	\$31,435.88
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DISBURSEMENTS:

Auditor's order, refund to Rowe	\$ 2.00
Selectmen's orders, General Fund	1,689.25
Selectmen's orders, Town Roads	14.30
Selectmen's orders, Winter Roads	1,394.48
Road Comm. orders, approp.	700.00
Road Comm. orders, Applic. TH 266	2,543.86
Road Comm. orders, Applic. SA 531-2-3	1,728.26

Road Comm. orders, Bushes & Culverts	299.36
State Highway System Tax	696.26
Overseer of Poor, order	19.75
Cemeteries	180.25
Public Library, maintenance	200.00
Interest	332.16
Street Lights	372.38
N-E Vt. Dev. Assoc.	34.65
"Guild-Hall" repairs, bal. from 1952	37.08
"Guild-Hall" repairs, from approp.	478.01
Old age assistance taxes to state	380.70
Bounties on porcupines @ 50c	4.50
Taxes abated by board of abatement	56.00
Refund to Arthur Breault on 1953 tax	7.23
School Directors' orders	10,884.98
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Total disbursements by treasurer	\$22,055.46
CASH ON HAND & in bank, Dec. 31, '53	9,380.42
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Total accounted for by treasurer	\$31,435.88
<i>Town Treasurer's Account with School Directors</i>	
Funds held for schools, Jan. 1, 1953	\$ 3,273.73
Received for schools, to June 30	505.66
Received for schools, since July 1	4,139.56
1953 appropriation	7,800.00
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Total for schools	\$15,718.95
Orders paid to school directors	10,884.98
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Funds held for schools, Dec. 31, 1953	\$ 4,833.97

Report of Tax Collector

Year	Uncollected	Collected		Uncollected
	Jan. 1, 1953	Tax	W	Int. Dec. 31, '53
1945		\$ 12.80	\$0.05	\$ 5.76
1947	\$ 99.58			\$ 99.58
1948	177.00	12.00	0.10	3.06
1949	256.50	4.00	0.05	0.97
1950	205.30			
1951	139.00	40.00	0.05	3.60
1952	746.80	323.00	0.65	13.63
1953	915.32	179.20	0.25	0.57
		<u>\$571.00</u>	<u>\$1.15</u>	<u>\$27.59</u>
Paid to treas.		564.00	1.10	27.47
		<u>\$571.00</u>	<u>\$1.15</u>	<u>\$27.59</u>
Pd. by HR, Jan. '54		\$ 7.00	\$0.05	\$.12
Abated—1948, \$6.00; 1950, \$13.00; 1953, \$37.00				
Total Abated, \$56.00				

General Fund by Selectmen

Gertrude Peaslee, auditing	\$ 30.00
Coos Co. Democrat, civil bd. notices	2.00
Tuttle Stationery Co., supplies	5.27
J. M. Pendrigh, bonds for town officers	72.00
Clayton Allen, listing	30.00
R. E. Wentworth, ballot clerk, civil bd.	6.00
Frank Styles, listing, civil bd.	38.00
John Boswell, civil board meetings	3.00
H. S. Davis, civil board meeting	1.50
N. W. Beattie, moderator	3.00
K. E. Hayes, clerk town meeting, civil bd.	8.00
G. W. Hubbard, civil board meeting	1.50
Coos County Democrat, 175 town reports	114.40
Bisbee Press, tax notices	6.50
Vt. Extension Service, assessment	120.18
J. M. Pendrigh, county tax	104.44
K. E. Hayes, 1% taxes collected	141.80
N. W. Beattie, listing	30.00
C. Ramsdell, janitor, town & 2 CB meetings	6.00
C. Ramsdell, new ledger for janitor	1.89
K. E. Hayes, town clerk, treasurer	125.00
K. E. Hayes, postage	10.64
John Boswell, selectman, salary	50.00
H. S. Davis, selectman, salary	35.00
Board of abatement, 7 members @ \$1.50	10.50
Howard Rowe, overseer of poor, salary	15.00
Howard Rowe, expenses, public health, poor	12.56
Northumberland, fire at M. Ford's, March	34.00
Public Service Co., lights 1952 tree	4.17

Road Expenses:

Standard Steel Co., road machine blade	30.45
G. Parker, 6 road flares	30.00
S. Hall, 1951-2 bill, planks, etc.	53.98

\$1,136.78

Expenses for the Guild Hall:

Public Service Co., lights	53.61
G. Aqueduct Co., water rent	10.00
Cole Hardware Co., demurrage on gas	5.50

Vermont Mutual, fire insurance	31.80
Nadeau Bros., thawing water	9.00
S. Hall, old bill for wood for hall	225.40
J. Emery, gas for kitchen	12.50
Stevens Store, kerosene, bulbs, 2 years	45.76
J. S. Beaton & Sons, furnace grate, labor	10.85
replacing 125 ft. water line	148.05

GENERAL FUND, total \$1,689.25

Rec'd from 1953 rent of hall	\$105.00
Due on 1953 rent of hall, R. G.	3.00
Rec'd 1953 dog licenses	40.25
Dog licenses, pd. by Rowe 1954	3.50
Town of Maidstone, use plow	20.00

171.75

Cost to town, General Fund \$1,517.50
 Appropriated: \$1,500.00

Rentals of the Guild Hall, 1953

	Charge	Janitor's Fee	Net to town
Grange, 27 times	\$100.00	\$ 54.00	\$ 46.00
Other, 24 times	107.00	48.00	59.00
"Free" meetings, 53	71.00	71.00	
	<hr/> \$278.00	<hr/> 173.00	<hr/> \$105.00
Rainbow Girls, due	5.00	2.00	3.00
Town & 2 cv. bd., from			
General Fund	6.00	6.00	

WINTER ROADS BY SELECTMEN

Chester McLain, plowing	\$ 256.00
G. Parker, sanding	352.95
E. Holcomb, labor on plow	26.00
William Allen, labor on plow	27.00
John Boswell, plowing	61.00
Hazen Rowden, sanding	6.83
State of Vermont, salt	21.47
Nadeau Bros., plowing	204.00
Lesnick's Building Supply, salt	15.00
Howard Rowe, snow removal at hall	7.00
A. J. Morin, plowing Morin Rd.	40.00

Town of Granby, plowing	63.00
Total, Jan. 1 to Sept. 1, 1953	<u>\$1,080.25</u>
G. Parker, gravel	12.55
truck, labor, stockpiling	108.45
work on washout, Chessman Rd.	41.85
sanding	31.75
State of N. H., 2 ton chloride	42.93
Chester McLain, cleaning up after wind storm	11.70
Chester McLain, plowing	15.00
Emerson Holcomb, labor after wind storm	8.00
John Boswell, bulldozing, labor, washout	42.00
Expenses paid to Dec. 31, 1953	<u>\$1,394.48</u>
State owes town, 1952-3 Winter Maint.	476.75
Cost to town	<u>\$ 917.73</u>
Appropriated: \$1,300.00	

Report of Road Commissioner

Town Funds on Unselected Roads

Chester McLain, truck and labor	\$ 236.20
G. Parker, truck and labor	38.40
gravel	1.50
oil for flares	1.80
Clesson McLain, labor	87.30
Emerson Holcomb, labor	2.70
John Boswell, tractor	40.00
Total from R. C. checking account	\$ 407.90
M. Holcomb, cleaning up after wind storm by Selectmen's order	14.30
Must spend 16.76 miles @ \$25—\$419.00	

Town Funds for Maintenance Granby Road

Chester McLain, truck and labor	\$ 132.05
G. Parker, truck and labor	84.85
Clesson McLain, labor	42.30
G. Parker, gravel	3.00
William Allen, labor	2.70
E. Holcomb, labor	4.50
Virgil Allen, labor	7.20
	\$ 276.60
Available from approp.—\$101.25	

Road Commissioner's Checking Account

Spent town funds, unselected roads	\$ 407.90
Spent town funds, Granby Road	276.60
Bal. in checking account	15.50
Received from Treas., by order	\$ 700.00
<i>Application No. 266 from Town Highways Fund</i>	
Chester McLain, truck and labor	\$1,014.30
G. Parker, truck, tractor and labor	582.75
gravel @ 15c	91.75
Robert Ball, labor on Morin Road	11.25
Town of Lunenburg, grader and man @ \$4.00	73.80

Derwood Pond, labor	16.20
George McVetty, labor on Morin Road	4.05
Claude Linell, tractor loader @ \$1.75	147.00
Hazen Rowden, labor	16.20
G. W. Stevens, gas and oil for loader	25.49
Manson Hoyt, labor	41.85
Virgil Allen, labor	36.00
W. Crawford, bulldozing	90.00
William Allen, labor	7.20
Berger Metal Culvert Co., pipe arch	346.92
John Boswell, bulldozing, Breault bridge	30.00
E. & H. Colby, planks	9.10

\$2,543.86

State owes town (\$150 per mile) \$2,514.00

State Funds for Work on Granby Road,

Appl. 531-2-3

Chester McLain, truck and labor	\$ 488.20
G. Parker, truck and labor	445.80
gravel	69.00
gas & oil for loader, flares	19.84
Hazen Rowden, labor	18.20
Clyde Noble, truck and labor	29.70
Town of Lunenburg, grader and man	135.30
Claude Linnell, tractor loader	82.25
Alten Lee, labor	10.80
G. W. Stevens, gas for loader	13.59
State of Vermont, gravel	87.60
State of Vermont, sand	18.00
James O'Shea, chloride	75.00
Chester McLain, resurfacing	21.90
State of Vermont, gravel and grader	155.58
State of Vermont, crusher run	36.00
State of Vermont, bank run, 104 yds.	20.80

\$1,728.26

Harry Davis, pd. for sand	\$ 18.00
G. Parker owes for gravel	20.80
State owes town	1,667.12

1,705.92

Cost to town

\$ 22.34

*Town Appropriation for Bushes and
Repairing Culverts*

Chester McLain, cutting bushes Granby Road	\$ 7.20
Chester McLain, putting in culverts, Granby Road	6.30
G. Parker, labor, truck, gravel on culverts	7.60
Clesson McLain, labor putting in culvert	4.50
Clesson McLain, labor cutting bushes North Road	24.30
N. E. Metal Culvert Co., 28 ft. culvert	75.03
E. Holcomb, labor on culverts, G. Rd.	6.30
John Boswell, tractor cutting bushes @ \$3	12.00
James F. O'Shea, chloride	136.33
Virgil Allen, labor cutting bushes	14.40
Virgil Allen, labor on culverts	5.40
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	\$ 299.36
Available from appropriation—\$300.00	

Report of Overseer of Poor

Appropriated:	\$ 250.00
Paid out: Whitters, Longmoore & Akley, Dec. 1952 bill re: McDade case	\$19.75

Report of Cemetery Commission

Bruce Hodge, 49 hrs. labor mowing @ \$1	\$ 49.00
Ralph Hubbard 32 hrs. labor	32.00
Ralph Hubbard, new grass shears	2.25
Herbert Hubbard, 72 hrs. mowing, clipping	72.00
C. A. McAllister, sharpening mower 6 times	15.00
N. W. Beattie, work on cemetery plan	10.00
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Available:	\$ 180.25
\$300.00	

Report of Vermont Department of Social Welfare

Old Age Assistance payments to persons in Guildhall	\$1,308.00
Balance due the Vermont Department of Social Welfare as of Dec. 31, 1953, on committed children	\$ 37.54

Library Maintenance

Bal. in bank, Jan. 1, 1953	\$126.22
Rec'd from Groveton Public Library, Dec. 27, 1952	75.00
Rec'd from Town of Maidstone, Jan. 26, 1953	50.00
Received Guildhall appropriation, 1953	200.00
From Crawford Library Fund, for magazines	10.75
Donation from H. S. Hall to repair dog damage	125.00
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Total receipts	\$586.97
Paid:	
R. E. Wentworth, refinishing floor	\$ 28.10
Advance for magazine sub- scriptions	10.50
Benton Lodge, half light bill, Jan., 1952 to April, 1953	19.00
Marilyn Bennett, cleaning stacks	15.00
J. M. Pendrigh, insurance	43.84
R. E. York, labor, etc., supplies	4.58
R. H. Hurlbutt, fuel oil	31.71

Tlgm. of sympathy to Benton family	1.05	
Helen Silver, half of mowing bill	5.07	
Doris Grout, librarian, janitor	125.00	
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	\$283.85	
Repairing dog damage:		
R. E. Wentworth, glass, sash, labor	30.28	
N. W. Beattie, finished lumber	36.26	
E. C. Roberts, labor, staining	20.63	
Frank Smith Co., stain, varnish	10.28	
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		381.30
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Bal. in bank, Dec. 31, 1953		\$205.67

Interest

Cong. Church Note, M. B. Beattie, Treas., Year ending Nov. 1, 1953	\$129.00
Long School Fund, year ending Feb. 1, 1953	113.16
Crawford Cemetery Fund, to Mar. 1, 1953	30.00
Crawford Library Fund, to Mar. 1, 1953	60.00
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Appropriated:	\$332.16
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Street Lights

Public Service Co. of N. H.	
3 months @ \$28.80, 600 lumen lamps	\$ 86.40
January, 3% surcharge	.86
9 months, 1000 lumen lamps @ \$31.68	285.12
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	\$372.38
Appropriated:	\$376.00

Repairs to the Guild-Hall

Bal. from 1952 approp., interior	\$ 49.35
Paid:	
H. McLaughlin, plastering	\$ 12.50
R. J. Emerson, 1 bag plaster	1.35
J. S. Beaton, stove pipe, labor	7.08
R. E. York, lamps, etc., labor	16.15
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	\$ 37.08

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1953 appropriation:	\$500.00
Paid:	
R. E. Wentworth, on foundation	\$ 4.95
G. R. Dorr, painting, papering	301.40
Stevens Store, paper	33.66
Rodd, roofing kitchen	138.00
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	\$478.01

Note: Dining room completely refinished by Home Dem. Club without charge to town. Window curtains in main hall given by Grange.

Report of Trustees of Cemetery Funds

Crawford Cemetery Fund

Cash in bank, Book No. 5219, Jan. 1, '53	\$ 60.59
Bank interest to Jan. 1, 1954	2.31
Interest on town note	30.00

Bal. in bank, Jan. 1, 1954	\$ 92.90
(Nothing paid out)	

Smart Cemetery Fund

Cash in bank, Book No. 10400, Jan. 1, '53	\$321.57
Bank interest to Jan. 1, 1954	9.07
Interest on U. S. Series G Bond	25.00

	\$355.64
Paid N. W. Beattie, mowing	12.00

Bal. in bank, Jan. 1, 1954	343.64
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Permanent Care Funds

Cash in bank, Book No. 13131, Jan. 1, '53	\$591.78
Bank interest to Jan. 1, 1954	16.38

Bal. in bank, Jan. 1, 1954	\$608.16
(Nothing paid out)	

Report of Crawford Library Fund

Cash in bank, Book No. 12143, Jan. 1, '53	\$834.47
Bank interest to Jan. 1, 1954	23.07
Interest from town note	60.00
Refund from J. R. Benton on 1952 books	9.60

	\$927.14
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Paid:

S. F. Clafin, Agt., magazines	\$ 51.00
Lena Hall, 2 mag. subscr.	10.75

67.75

Bal. in bank, Jan. 1, 1954	\$865.39
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Delinquent Taxes, December 31, 1953

	Real Est.	Pers. Prop.	Poll	O. A. A.
1947				
Parker, V. & G.	\$52.50	\$ 5.08		
Ramsdell, C. & N.	42.00			
1948				
Burbank, Merriam			\$3.50	\$2.50
Allen, William			3.50	2.50
Allen, Lucy			3.50	2.50
Allard, Lawrence			3.50	2.50
Allard, Alice			3.50	2.50
Hoyt, Manson			3.50	2.50
Hoyt, Lillian			3.50	2.50
McLain, Lyle	7.00			
Parker, V. & G.	52.50			
Ramsdell, C. & N.	42.00			
Stillings, Alfred		3.50	3.50	2.50
Stillings, Agnes			3.50	2.50
1949				
Allen, Lucy			4.00	2.50
Balch, Gardner		57.00		
Hoyt, M. & L.	20.00			
Hoyt, Manson			4.00	2.50
Hoyt, Lillian			4.00	2.50
Higgins, Carrie	40.00			
McLain, Lyle	8.00			
Parker, V. & G.	60.00			
Ramsdell, C. & N.	48.00			
1950				
Allen, William			4.00	2.50
Allen, Lucy			4.00	2.50
Allen, Randolph			4.00	2.50
Balch, Gardner		30.80		
Hanson, Oscar			4.00	2.50
Hanson, Melvina			4.00	2.50
Hoyt, L. & M.	20.00			
Hoyt, Lillian			4.00	2.50
Hoyt, Manson			4.00	2.50
Higgins, Carrie	40.00			
McLain, Lyle	8.00			

	Real Est.	Pers. Prop.	Poll	O. A. A.
Ramsdell, C. & N.	48.00			
1951				
Allen, William			4.00	2.50
Allen, Lucy			4.00	2.50
Ferreira, Manuel			4.00	2.50
Ferreira, Elsie			4.00	2.50
Higgins, Carrie	40.00			
Hoyt, L. & M.	20.00			
Hoyt, Manson			4.00	2.50
Hoyt, Lillian			4.00	2.50
1952				
Allen, William			4.00	3.00
Allen, Lucy			4.00	3.00
Allard, Lawrence	21.60			
Bigelow, Harry			4.00	3.00
Bigelow, Laura			4.00	3.00
Breault, Leon			4.00	3.00
Curtis, Frank	16.00			
Daley, Marjorie	16.00			
Donnovan, Elmer			4.00	3.00
Donnovan, Cecile			4.00	3.00
Ferreira, Manuel			4.00	3.00
Ferreira, Elsie			4.00	3.00
Higgins, Carrie	40.00			
Howe, Jack			4.00	3.00
Hoyt, L. & M.	20.00			
Hoyt, Manson			4.00	3.00
Hoyt, Lillian			4.00	3.00
Lamotte, Clement			4.00	3.00
McLain, Lyle	8.00		4.00	3.00
McLain, Madeline			4.00	3.00
Northway, J. & F.	140.00			
Northway, John		31.20	4.00	3.00
Northway, Faith			4.00	3.00
Pepin, Joseph		12.00		
1953				
Allen, Howard			4.40	3.00
Allen, Lucy			4.40	3.00
Allen, William			4.40	3.00
Bigelow, Harry			4.40	3.00
Bigelow, Laura			4.40	3.00
Booth, Harold			4.40	3.00
Booth, Margaret			4.40	3.00

	Real Est.	Pers. Prop.	Poll	O. A. A.
Chapple, Richard	4.40			
Daley, Marjorie	17.60			
Donovan, Elmer			4.40	3.00
Donovan, Cecile			4.40	3.00
Fitch, Charles	22.00			
Gilcris, Oliver	22.00		4.40	3.00
Gilcris, Gladys			4.40	3.00
Hallstrom, Louis, Jr.			4.40	3.00
Hallstrom, Eveline			4.40	3.00
Hanks, Maurice	26.40		4.40	3.00
Hanks, Violet			4.40	3.00
Hoyt, Manson			4.40	3.00
Hoyt, M. & L.	22.00			
Hoyt, Lillian			4.40	3.00
Higgins, Carrie, Est.	44.00			
Lamotte, Clement			4.40	3.00
Mason, Ira			4.40	3.00
Mason, Lillian			4.40	3.00
McLain, Lyle	8.80		4.40	3.00
McLain, Madeline			4.40	3.00
Morse, Grace	22.00		4.40	3.00
Northway, J. & F.	154.00			
Northway, John		36.52	4.40	3.00
Northway, Faith			4.40	3.00
Rowden, Hazen			4.40	3.00
Richardson, C. & J.	79.20			
Richardson, Charles	6.60	8.80		
Tetu, Alfred	17.60		4.40	3.00
Tetu, Pauline			4.40	3.00

Taxes Abated by Board of Abatement

1948	Antonio Thibodeau, poll, O. A. A.	\$ 6.00
1950	Denzile Hammond, poll, O. A. A.	6.50
1950	Doris Hammond, poll, O. A. A.	6.50
1953	Ethel Pendrigh, poll, O. A. A.	7.40
1953	Harry A. Silver, poll, O. A. A.	7.40
1953	Rachel Silver, poll, O. A. A.	7.40
1953	Richard Chapple, poll, O. A. A.	7.40
1953	Theodore Ramsdell, poll, O. A. A.	7.40

\$56.00

1953	Arthur Breault, rebate of payment	7.23
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School Report

School Assets

Net cash balance, Dec. 31, 1953	\$3,298.64
Fund from town treas., Dec. 31, 1953	4,833.97
Overpayment to state retirement fund	7.00
Long Fund int., due Feb. 1, 1954	113.16
Maidstone tuition, due next June	155.00

<i>Total Current Assets</i>	\$8,407.77
Estimated expenses this spring	7,269.16

Estimated surplus June 30, 1954	\$1,138.61
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Due Schools from Essex Co. Grammar School

Refund on insurance, due June, 1953	\$ 11.52
Refund on insurance, due June, 1954	11.52

Leased Land Rent Due Schools

I. & G. Silver, 1946 to 1953, incl.	\$ 80.00
Felix Breault, May 1, 1949 to 1953, incl.	33.75

\$ 113.75

Report of School Directors' Bank Account

Cash in bank, Jan. 1, 1953	\$ 2,595.61
Received from Treasurer by order	10,884.98

Total receipts by school directors	\$13,480.59
Expenses to June 30, 1953	\$ 5,541.69
Checks to Dec. 31, 1953	4,640.26
	10,181.95

Cash in bank, Dec. 31, 1953	\$ 3,298.64
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Money Available for Schools

	July 1, 1952 to Dec. 31, 1952	Jan. 1, 1953 to June 30, 1953	July 1, 1953 to Dec. 31, 1953
Received by treasurer:			
State Aid	\$ 3207.28		\$ 4105.59
Leased land:			
C. T. Lewis		\$ 2.50	
J. M. Pendrigh			.62
Brown Co.	2.00		2.00
I. P. Co.	3.00		3.00
F. & R. Merrill	3.00		3.00
F. Hall et all	3.00		3.00
Maidstone tuition		390.00	
Long Fund int.		113.16	
State, radio refund	40.12		
E. C. G. S., half paint	88.81		
E. C. G. S., half ins.	11.52		
Sears, refund	22.28		
Rand, McNally, refund			22.35
Total by treas.	\$ 3381.01	\$ 505.66	\$ 4139.56
Net cash on hand	237.34	2595.61	553.92
Funds with treas.	834.77	3273.73	279.39
Appropriation	5600.00		7800.00
Total credits	\$10053.12	\$6375.00	\$12772.87
Checks written	4183.78	5541.69	4640.26
Credit balance	\$ 5869.34	\$ 833.31	\$ 8132.61
Cash in bank	2595.61	553.92	3298.64
Funds with treas.	\$ 3273.73	\$ 279.39	\$ 4833.97

School Expenses, July 1, 1952 to June 30, 1953

Supt. D. B. Dyer, salary	\$ 443.24
Edith McNally, Essex-Cal. District	27.56
School directors' annual meeting	8.00
Miscell. directors' expenses	8.54
Printed check book	5.63
Agnes Deering, phone calls	2.39
Coos Co. Democrat, adv. for bids, twice	6.88
Margaret Booth, director, salary	25.00
Agnes Deering, director, salary	75.00

Estella Hubbard, director, salary	25.00
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(Total Cost of Administration—\$627.24)

Ethel Bixby, music teacher	\$ 221.72
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Charlotte Beattie, salary	2,028.86
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Beverly Smith, salary	139.98
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Clara Wesson, salary	1,489.70
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Margery Ranney, substitute	40.00
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Gwendolyn Parker, substitute teacher	240.00
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Doris Phelps, substitute teacher	80.00
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Mrs. C. Rivers, substitute teacher	180.00
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Constance Martin, substitute teacher	50.00
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High school tuition	1,100.00
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Text books	122.23
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Library books	1.25
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Instructional supplies	128.84
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(Total Instructional Costs—\$5,822.58)

Helen Silver, janitor, cleaning	\$ 200.90
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Noila Ramsdell, janitor, cleaning	117.00
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Janitors' supplies & chemical	58.33
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Fuel wood and labor	57.65
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C. W. Fitch & Son, fuel oil	196.51
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Public Service Co., lights	56.08
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(Total Costs of Plant Operation—\$686.47)

Repairs, 1952 painting V. & floors	\$ 244.99
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Repairs, J. Emery, 1953	8.25
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Cleaning & painting, N. Ramsdell	4.75
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Cleaning, Helen Silver	6.00
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Cleaning & painting, Agnes Deering	16.62
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Cleaning & painting, Helen Boswell	16.62
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Equipment, 1953, balls, extinguishers	44.35
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H. A. Moore & Son, water pails	4.20
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Parts for slide	3.72
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F. Smith Corp., wood finish	3.22
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Lesnick, posts	3.70
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Sears, ball hoops	8.96
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Other maintenance, 1952, gravel, mowing	33.43
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Snow removal, H. Rowe	8.00
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(Total Maintenance Costs—\$406.81)

Leo Murphy, transportation	\$1,750.00
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Nellie Haney, board of W. Haney, Jr.	270.00
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Agnes Deering, school census	3.24
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G. Parker, moving slide & brush, 1952	15.00
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Closing exercises, 1952 expenses	4.00
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C. Beattie, closing day 1953	2.50
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N. Ramsdell, use of hall, 1953 exercises	2.00
Dr. Philip Merriam, school exams, health	35.00
(Total Cost of Auxiliary Agencies—\$2,081.74)	
J. M. Pendrigh, insurance	46.08
(Total Fixed Charges—\$46.08)	
Capital outlay, C. shed & pipe, 1952	29.53
Central gate and chain, 1952	25.02
(Total Capital Outlay—\$54.55)	
Total Expenses for School Year, 1952-53	\$9,725.47

School Expenses, July 1, 1953 to Dec. 31, 1953

Supt. D. B. Dyer, salary	\$ 235.80
Essex-Cal. District, office expenses	41.22
Keith Wallace, Vt. Assoc. dues	2.00
Ralph Emerson, keys	3.75
G. W. Stevens, envelopes, etc.	8.63
Agnes Deering, tel. tolls	.78
Capital City Press, tuition invoices	3.00
(Total Cost of Administration—\$295.18)	
Ethel Bixby, music teacher	99.72
Charlotte Beattie, salary	1,041.60
Clara Wesson, salary	1,000.24
Gwendolyn Parker, substitute, 2 days	20.00
Instructional supplies	208.87
Text books	44.70
Instructional costs on projector	16.05
High school tuition	50.00
(Total Instructional Costs—\$2,481.18)	
Helen Silver, janitor	75.00
Noila Ramsdell, janitor	66.00
Janitors' supplies, chemical, etc.	56.53
C. W. Fitch & Son, fuel oil	68.04
N. D. Hunter, wood	30.00
William Cloutier, kindling	10.00
Public Service Co., lights	27.70
(Total Costs of Plant Operation—\$333.27)	
D. Blair, painting ext. & int., Central	533.00
J. Emery, repairs toilets, cleaning stove	19.78
F. Hodgdon, table for Central School	4.00
F. Smith Co., paint, brushes, sandpaper	15.78
Helen Silver, cleaning, cutting bushes	15.00
A. Deering, painting, sanding, floor mat	15.06

Lesnick B. Supply, posts, cement	5.70
C. Ramsdell, cleaning toilets, Village	15.00
H. Boswell, painting, sanding, backboard	19.75
G. W. Stevens, bolts, nails, etc.	4.39
(Total Maintenance Costs—\$647.46)	
Transportation	767.49
F. Breault, board of W. Haney, Jr.	98.00
Agnes Deering, census	2.88
(Total Cost of Auxiliary Agencies—\$868.37)	
J. M. Pendrigh, insurance	7.80
(Total Fixed Charges—\$7.80)	
Total expenses to Dec. 31, 1953	\$4,633.26
Overpayment to State Ret. System	7.00
Total checks written	\$4,640.26

High School Tuition

	Class	Paid 1952-3	Paid Qt. 1953-4
Groveton:			
H. Breault	1953	\$ 225.00	
Wm. Ledger	1954	225.00	
R. Hubbard	1955	225.00	
D. McAllister	1955	225.00	
C. Breault	1957		
L. Breault	1957		
P. McAllister	1957		
G. Parker	1957		
Lancaster:			
E. Brown	1955	200.00	
Don Call	1957		\$50.00
		<u>\$1,100.00</u>	<u>\$50.00</u>

Budget for 1953-4: 7 students @ \$250 & 2 @ \$200.
 Estimate for 1954-5: 11 students @ \$275.00.

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

During the past year the school board has kept in constant touch with the affairs of the schools. The buildings and equipment have been well maintained and the latest texts and teaching aids have been provided for the children. Playground facilities have been improved at both schools. During the past summer the Central School building was painted inside and out which resulted in an attractive school unit. The floors and desks in both schools were resurfaced, and the cloakroom at the Village school redecorated.

Although the spirit of the pupils and teachers is fine and the pupil progress very good, there are problems in school facilities that need attention in the relatively near future. These are (1) running water in each school, (2) replacement of toilet fixtures at the Village School, (3) new roofing at the Central School. The first two items alone are basic causes for the school district to consider the possibility of constructing an up to date centrally located building for all the elementary children.

The financial burden for such a project can be lessened by 25% through state aid. It might be of interest to note that if the amendment to the Vermont Constitution passes, towns may jointly construct and maintain elementary schools.

The state aid of \$4,105.59 for 1953 shows an increase of \$898.31 over that of last year. It should be kept in mind that Guildhall is in position to receive 25 cents in state aid for every dollar in taxes raised for the support of schools.

The board gave much time and study to the preparation of the budget for the school year July 1, 1954 to June 30, 1955. The amount of \$12,450.00 budgeted should provide for current expenditures exclusive of any replacement of toilet fixtures and installation of running water mentioned above.

At this time I wish to thank all who have contributed to the successful operation of the schools.

Respectfully submitted,

DANIEL B. DYER,
Superintendent.

*Guildhall School District
Enrollment -- September 1953*

Schools	Grades	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Total
Central		7	5	2	4					18
Village						3	6	2	5	16
										34

Resident students attending High School
outside the district:

	Grades	9	10	11	12	Total
Lancaster H. S.		1	0	0	0	1
Groveton H. S.		4	0	2	1	7
		5	0	2	1	8

Pupil Progress 1952-53

Total number enrolled	40
Number promoted	33
Number promoted conditionally	1
Number not promoted	1
Number transferred	5

Hearing and Vision

Number examined: Hearing 16, Vision 16

Average Cost Per Pupil

Year 1952-53

Elementary	\$243.54
Secondary	220.00
Transportation -- elemenetary	62.50

Vital Statistics

December 31, 1952 to December 31, 1953

Births

1953

- Mar. 16 To Wayne C. and Marie S. Judge
Bonnie Louise Judge
(Weeks Memorial Hospital, Lancaster, N. H.)
May 12 To Thomas S. and Pearl B. Styles
Thomas Michael Styles
(Weeks Memorial Hospital, Lancaster, N. H.)
Aug. 9 To Lyle and Madeline C. McLain
Helen Mae McLain

Deaths

- Jan. 30 Carrie R. Higgins
Feb. 11 George H. Morse
June 24 Clesson C. McLain
Sept. 27 James Flynn -- Weeks Memorial Hosp.,
Lancaster, N. H.
Nov. 28 Byron H. Meacham

Burials

- Jan. 25 Frank A. Curtis
Apr. 25 Katherine C. Follansby
Aug. 18 Arthur C. Jewell
Sept. 12 Albert A. Drew

Marriages

- June 14 Charles F. Snell and Karlene J. Hayes
Aug. 23 Bert H. Peaslee and Janice I. Cole
Oct. 15 Walter D. Wyman and Ruth A. Jolicoeur
Nov. 3 Carlton S. Rowe and Barbara A. McGuire
7 Lawrence E. Aremburg and Geraldine R. Breault



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